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Cameroon: draft resolution

Emergency assistance to the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/8 of 18 October and 43/52 of 6 December 1988, 44/12 of 24 October 1989, 45/226 of 21 December 1990, 46/178 of 19 December 1991, 47/162 of 18 December 1992, 48/200 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 K of 20 December 1994 and 50/58 J of 22 December 1995 on assistance to the Sudan,

Noting the declining contributions to the 1996 consolidated inter-agency appeal for Operation Lifeline Sudan despite the progress made in the Operation, and noting also that considerable relief needs still remain to be addressed, in particular in the areas of non-food assistance, including assistance to combat malaria, and for logistics, emergency recovery, rehabilitation and development,

Recognizing the need in emergency situations to address the continuum of relief, rehabilitation and development so as to reduce dependence on external food aid and other relief services,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 4 September 1996[1] and of the statement by the representative of the Sudan before the General Assembly on 21 November 1996,[2]

1. Acknowledges with appreciation the cooperation by the Government of the Sudan with the United Nations, including the agreements and arrangements achieved to facilitate relief operations towards improvement of United Nations assistance to affected areas, and encourages the continuation of that cooperation;

2. Stresses the need for Operation Lifeline Sudan to be operated with a view to ensuring its efficiency, transparency and effectiveness, with the full participation of the Government of the Sudan in its management and operation, including conducting of assessment, allocation, distribution and evaluation processes, as well as consultations in the preparation of the consolidated annual inter-agency appeal for the Operation;

3. Stresses also that Operation Lifeline Sudan should operate within the principle of national sovereignty and the framework of international cooperation in accordance with relevant national and international law;

4. Calls upon the international community to continue to contribute generously to the emergency needs, recovery and development of the country;

5. Urges the international community to give priority to assistance for the rehabilitation of roads, railways and airports and to provision of means of road transport in order to facilitate relief supplies to the affected areas;

6. Calls upon the donor community and the organizations of the United Nations system to provide financial, technical and medical assistance, guided by the actions called for by the General Assembly in its relevant resolutions to combat malaria and other epidemics in the Sudan;

7. Welcomes the signing in April 1996 of the political charter between the Government and many factions of the rebel movement for the achievement of peace in the Sudan, and encourages the remaining factions to join the peace process so as to establish durable peace and stability in the country and to facilitate relief efforts;

8. Urges the international community to support the programmes of rehabilitation, settlement and integration of returnees, refugees and the internally displaced;

9. Stresses the importance of assuring safe access for personnel providing relief assistance to all in need, and the importance of strict observance of the principles and guidelines of Operation Lifeline Sudan;

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[1] A/51/326.

[2] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Plenary Meetings, 62nd meeting.

10. Urges all parties involved to continue to offer all feasible assistance, including facilitating the movement of relief supplies and personnel, so as to guarantee maximum success of Operation Lifeline Sudan in all affected parts of the country, with special emphasis on national capacity-building in the humanitarian field for governmental and non-governmental organizations;

11. Also urges all the parties to the conflict to desist from using anti-personnel mines, and calls upon the international community to refrain from supplying mines to the parties of the conflict and to provide the Government of the Sudan with financial and technical assistance in mine clearance;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize and coordinate resources and support for Operation Lifeline Sudan and to report on the emergency situation in the affected areas and the recovery, rehabilitation and development of the country to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

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Cameroon: draft resolution

Special emergency economic assistance to the Comoros

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Comoros,

Taking note of the fact that, on 28 September 1995, an army of international mercenaries invaded the Comoros, overthrew the President of the Republic, disrupted the constitutional order and, in so doing, the State institutions, as well as the political, economic and social order of the country,

Taking note of the economic and social trauma caused by that invasion and the material and structural damage suffered by the country during those events,

Aware of the efforts made by the Government and people of the Comoros to assist the most affected and deprived sectors of the population,

Considering in particular the fact that, in order to respond to those urgent humanitarian needs, the Government of the Comoros, in the absence of other resources, had to reallocate as a matter of great urgency a major part of the budget required for the functioning of the State and the financial resources normally devoted to vital economic and social programmes,

Noting that the unfavourable situation of the Comoros, which is on the list of least developed countries, is aggravated by several important factors, including its physical distance from its trading partners, the scarcity of

natural resources, the diminutive size of the domestic market, the fall in prices of its export products and the poverty of its soil,

Noting also the insufficiency of means available to the Government to execute programmes of reconstruction and development essential for the survival of the nation,

1. Appeals to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, to provide, in consultation with the Government of the Comoros, assistance to the Comoros in repairing the damage caused by the act of aggression;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish to the Comoros all necessary assistance for the purposes of the implementation of paragraph 1 of the present resolution;

3. Requests the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend generous financial, material and technical assistance to the Comoros in order to enable it to accomplish its economic and social recovery;

4. Urgently appeals to all international finance organizations, bodies and institutions to provide the Comoros with urgent and substantial aid in the form of grants and flexible loans, in order to rectify the harmful effects of the severe budgetary crisis;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to dispatch to Moroni as soon as possible a multidisciplinary technical assessment mission in order to carry out a detailed study of the needs of the country in terms of assistance;

6. Requests the community of donor countries and bodies, as well as the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to grant bilateral and multilateral aid to the Comoros in accordance with its needs, in order to enable it to resolve its grave economic, social and financial difficulties;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Belize, Congo, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen: revised draft resolution

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The General Assembly,

Taking note of the fact that, on 28 September 1995, an army of international mercenaries invaded the Comoros, overthrew the President of the Republic, disrupted the constitutional order and, in so doing, the State institutions, as well as the political, economic and social order of the country,

Noting also that the unfavourable situation of the Comoros, which is on the list of least developed countries, is aggravated by several important factors, including its physical distance from its trading partners, the scarcity of natural resources, the diminutive size of the domestic market, the fall in prices of its export products and the poverty of its soil,

Taking note of the economic and social trauma caused by that invasion and the material and structural damage suffered by the country during those events,

Aware of the efforts made by the Government and people of the Comoros to assist the most affected and deprived sectors of the population,

Considering in particular the fact that, in order to respond to those urgent humanitarian needs, the Government of the Comoros, in the absence of other resources, had to reallocate as a matter of great urgency a major part of

the budget required for the functioning of the State and the financial resources normally devoted to vital economic and social programmes,

Noting nonetheless the insufficiency of means available to the Government to execute programmes of reconstruction and development essential for the survival of the nation,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have provided assistance to the Government of the Comoros for the rehabilitation of the country and appeals for the continuation of such assistance;

2. Stresses nonetheless that the financial resources available are still insufficient vis-à-vis the basic needs to ensure the emergence of the country from its transitional phase into a development phase;

3. Urgently appeals to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, to provide, in consultation with the Government of the Comoros, assistance to the Comoros in repairing the damage caused by the act of aggression;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all necessary assistance for the purposes of the implementation of paragraph 3 of the present resolution and asks him to dispatch to Moroni as soon as possible a multidisciplinary humanitarian and technical assessment mission in order to carry out a detailed study of the needs of the country in terms of assistance;

5. Requests the community of donor countries and bodies, as well as the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to grant to the Comoros all necessary humanitarian, financial, economic and technical assistance, in order to enable it to attain national reconstruction and sustainable development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.